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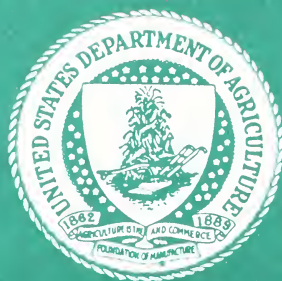


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## **Regulations for Nut Warehouses**



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## DEFINITIONS

### § 740.1 Meaning of words.

Words used in this part in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand.

### § 740.2 Terms defined.

For the purposes of the regulations in this part, unless the context otherwise require, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

(a) *Nuts*. Unshelled nuts of the following kinds: American-grown peanuts, pecans, filberts, and English or Persian walnuts; and shelled American-grown peanuts.

(b) *The Act*. The United States Warehouse Act, approved August 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 486; (7 U.S.C. 241-273)) as amended.

(c) *Person*. An individual, corporation, partnership, or two or more persons having a joint or common interest.

(d) *Department*. The United States Department of Agriculture.

(e) *Secretary*. The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

(f) *Service*. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(g) *Administrator*. The Administrator of the Service or any other officer or employee of that Service to whom authority has heretofore lawfully been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter lawfully be delegated, to act in his stead.

(h) *Regulations*. Rules and regulations made under the Act by the Secretary.

(i) *Warehouse*. Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, any building, structure, or other protected enclosure licensed or to be licensed under the Act, in which nuts are or may be stored for interstate or foreign commerce, or, if located within any place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, in which nuts are or may be stored.

(j) *Warehouseman*. Any person lawfully engaged in the business of storing nuts, who holds an effective warehouseman's license under the Act, or who has applied for such a license.

(k) *License*. A license issued under the Act by the Secretary.

(l) *Warehouseman's bond*. The bond required by the Act to be given by a warehouseman.

(m) *Licensed inspector*. (1) A person licensed under provisions of section 11



of the United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 et seq.), or (2) a Federal employee authorized under provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.), or (3) a person licensed under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) to inspect, grade, and certificate the grade or other class and/or condition of nuts stored or to be stored in a warehouse licensed under the U.S. Warehouse Act (the terms "persons duly licensed to inspect" or "licensed inspector" shall be defined accordingly).

(n) *Licensed weigher.* A person licensed under the provisions of section 11 of the United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 et seq.), to weigh and certificate the weight of nuts stored or to be stored in a warehouse licensed under the U.S. Warehouse Act (the terms "persons duly licensed to weigh" or "licensed weigher" shall be defined accordingly).

(o) *Receipt.* A licensed warehouse receipt issued under the Act.

(p) *Package.* A bag, sack, box, or other container.

(q) *Ton.* (Short ton) 2,000 pounds.

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## WAREHOUSE LICENSES

### § 740.3 Application form.

Applications for licenses and for amendments of licenses under the Act shall be made to the Administrator upon prescribed forms furnished by the Service, shall be in English, shall truly state the information therein contained, and shall be signed by the applicant. The applicant shall at any time furnish such additional information as the Administrator shall find to be necessary to the consideration of his application.

### § 740.4 All facilities to be licensed or exempted.

All facilities within the same city or town used for the storage of nuts by an applicant for a warehouse license must qualify for a license and be licensed under the Act if the applicant is to be licensed to operate as a nut warehouseman in such city or town,

unless the facilities which are not to be covered by a license are exempted by the Administrator upon a finding that, due to the exercise of adequate controls by some independent agency over the operation of the nonfederally licensed facilities, there would be no likelihood of the interchange, substitution, or commingling of nuts stored in such facilities with nuts stored in the federally licensed facilities. If all such facilities do not qualify for a license or for an exemption under this section, the applicant shall not be licensed under the Act as a nut warehouseman in the city or town in which the facilities in question are located. Each applicant for a nut warehouse license must apply for a license covering all facilities operated by him for the storage of nuts within the same city or town or for exemption as provided in this section. If a licensed nut warehouseman acquires any additional nut storage facilities within the same city or town in which his licensed warehouse is located he shall file promptly an application for a license or an exemption of the additional facilities. No nut storage facility acquired by a licensed nut warehouseman, subsequent to the issuance of his license, in the same city or town as his licensed facilities, shall be used for the storage of nuts until it qualifies for license and is licensed or is exempted as provided in this section. If any one of the licensed nut storage facilities operated by a warehouseman in the same city or town becomes ineligible for a license at any time for any reason, it shall not thereafter be used for the storage of nuts, until the condition making it ineligible is removed or an exemption is granted as provided in this section. The use for the storage of nuts by a licensed warehouseman of a facility which is in the same city or town as his licensed facilities and is neither licensed nor exempted, or other violation of the provisions of this section, shall be cause for suspension or revocation of any license issued to the warehouseman for the storage of nuts.

**§ 740.5 Scales; bin and compartment numbers.**

(a) Each warehouse must be equipped with suitable scales in good order, and so arranged that all nuts, whether for storage or for nonstorage purposes, can be weighed in and out of the warehouse. The scales in any warehouse shall be subject to examination by representatives of the Department and to disapproval by the Administrator. If he disapproves any weighing apparatus, it shall not thereafter be used in ascertaining the weight of nuts for the purposes of this Act, until such disapproval be withdrawn.

(b) Both bulk bins and compartments for sacked nuts of all warehouses licensed under the Act shall be identified by means of clearly discernible numbers securely affixed thereto. The series of numbers to be used shall be approved by the Service. Bulk bins shall be numbered so as to be easily identified at the openings on top and also on or near the outlets. Compartments shall be numbered in such a manner as to clearly show the space covered by each number.

**§ 740.6 Net assets.**

(a) Each warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed, or for which application for a license has been made under the regulations in this part, shall have and maintain above all exemptions and liabilities, total net assets liable for the payment of any indebtedness arising from the conduct of the warehouse, to the extent of at least \$25 per ton for the maximum number of tons of peanuts, 2 cents per pound for the maximum number of pounds of walnuts or filberts, and/or 3 cents per pound for the maximum number of pounds of pecans, that the warehouse could accommodate when stored in the manner customary to the warehouse as determined by the Administrator: *Provided*, That no person may be licensed as a warehouseman under the regulations in this part unless he has allowable net assets of at least \$10,000: *And provided further*, That any deficiency in net assets required above the \$10,000 minimum

may be supplied by an increase in the amount of the warehouseman's bond in accordance with § 740.14(c). In determining total net assets, credit may be given for insurable property such as buildings, machinery, equipment, and merchandise inventory, only to the extent that such property is protected by insurance against loss or damage by fire. Such insurance shall be in the form of lawful policies issued by one or more insurance companies authorized to do such business and subject to service of process in suits brought in the State in which the warehouse is located.

(b) In case a warehouseman is licensed or is applying for licenses to operate two or more warehouses under the regulations in this part, the maximum quantity of nuts which all such warehouses will accommodate when stored in the manner customary to the warehouse, as determined by the Administrator, shall be considered in determining whether the warehouseman meets the net assets requirements specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) For the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section only, capital stock as such shall not be considered a liability.

**§ 740.7 Grounds for not issuing license.**

A license for the conduct of a warehouse, or any amendment to a license, under the regulations in this part, shall not be issued if it is found by the Secretary that the warehouse is not suitable for the proper storage of nuts; that the warehouseman does not possess a good reputation, or does not have a net worth of at least \$10,000, or is incompetent to conduct such warehouse in accordance with the Act and the regulations in this part; or that there is any other sufficient reason within the intent of the Act for not issuing such license. If all the facilities operated for the storage of nuts by the applicant within the same city or town are not to be licensed under the Act, the applicant shall not be licensed as a nut warehouseman with respect to any of such facilities, unless an exemption

of the facilities which are not to be licensed is granted as provided in § 740.4.

**§ 740.8 License shall be posted.**

Immediately upon receipt of his license of any modification or extension thereof under the Act, the warehouseman shall post the same, and thereafter, except as otherwise provided in the regulations in this part, keep it posted until suspended or terminated, in a conspicuous place in the principal office where receipts issued by such warehouseman are delivered to depositors.

**§ 740.9 Suspension, cancellation or revocation of warehouse licenses.**

(a) Pending investigation, the Secretary, whenever he deems necessary, may suspend a warehouseman's license temporarily without hearing. Upon written request and a satisfactory statement of reasons therefor, submitted by a warehouseman, the Secretary may, without hearing, suspend or cancel the license issued to such warehouseman. The Secretary may, after opportunity for hearing has been afforded in the manner prescribed in this section, suspend or revoke a license issued to a warehouseman when he determines that such warehouseman:

(1) Does not have a net worth of at least \$10,000;

(2) Has parted, in whole or in part, with his control over the licensed warehouse;

(3) Is in process of dissolution or has been dissolved;

(4) Has ceased to operate such licensed warehouse;

(5) Has in any other manner become non-existent or incompetent or incapacitated to conduct the business of the warehouse;

(6) Has made unreasonable or exorbitant charges for services rendered;

(7) Is operating in the same city or town in which his licensed warehouse facilities are located, any facility for storage of nuts which is not covered by a license or an exemption as provided in § 740.4, or

(8) Has in any other manner violated or failed to comply with any provision of the Act or the regulations in this part.

(b) Whenever any of the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (a) (1) through (8) of this section shall come into existence, it shall be the duty of the warehouseman to notify the Administrator immediately of the existing condition. Before a license is revoked or suspended (other than temporarily pending investigation) for any violation of, or failure to comply with, any provision of the Act or of the regulations in this part, or upon the ground that unreasonable or exorbitant charges have been made for services rendered, the warehouseman involved shall be furnished by the Secretary a written statement specifying the charges and shall be allowed a reasonable time within which he may answer the same in writing and apply for a hearing, an opportunity for which shall be afforded in accordance with § 740.81.

**§ 740.10 Return of suspended or revoked warehouse license.**

In case a license issued to a warehouseman terminates or is suspended, revoked, or canceled by the Secretary, it shall be returned immediately to the Secretary. At the expiration of any period of suspension of such license, unless it be in the meantime revoked or canceled, the dates of the beginning and termination of the suspension shall be indorsed thereon, and it shall be returned to the licensed warehouseman to whom it was originally issued, and it shall be posted as required in § 740.8: *Provided*, That in the discretion of the Administrator a new license may be issued without reference to such suspension.

**§ 740.11 Lost or destroyed warehouse license.**

Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a license issued to a warehouseman, a duplicate thereof or a new license may be issued under the same or a new number at the discretion of the Administrator.



**§ 740.12 Unlicensed warehousemen must not represent themselves as licensed.**

No warehouse or its warehouseman shall be designated as licensed under the Act and no name or description conveying the impression that it or he is so licensed shall be used, either in a receipt or otherwise unless such warehouseman holds an unsuspended, unrevoked, and uncanceled license for the conduct of such warehouse.

**WAREHOUSE BONDS**

**§ 740.13 Bond required; time of filing.**

Each warehouseman applying for a warehouse license under the Act shall, before such license is granted, file with the Secretary a bond containing the following conditions and such other terms as the Secretary may prescribe in the approved bond forms, with such changes as may be necessary to adapt the forms to the type of legal entity involved:

Now, therefore, if the said license(s) or any amendments thereto be granted and said principal, and its successors and assigns operating said warehouse(s), shall:

Faithfully perform during the period of 1 year commencing -----, or until the termination of said license(s) in the event of termination prior to the end of the 1 year period, all obligations of a licensed warehouseman under the terms of the Act and regulations thereunder relating to the above-named products; and

Faithfully perform during said 1 year period and thereafter, whether or not said warehouse(s) remain(s) licensed under the Act, such delivery obligations and further obligations as a warehouseman as exist at the beginning of said 1 year period or are assumed during said period and prior to termination of said license(s) under contracts with the respective depositors of such products in the warehouse(s);

Then this obligation shall be null and void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force. For purposes of this bond, the aforesaid obligations under the Act and regulations and contracts shall include obligations under any and all modifications of the Act, the regulations, and the contracts that may hereafter be made, notice of which modifications to the surety being hereby waived.

**§ 740.14 Amount of bonds; additional amounts.**

(a) The amount of bond to be furnished for each warehouse under the

regulations in this part for peanuts shall be fixed at a rate of \$25 per ton for the first 10,000 tons of licensed capacity and \$20 per ton for all tons of licensed capacity over 10,000 tons; for walnuts and filberts the bond shall be fixed at a rate of 2 cents per pound for the licensed capacity; and for pecans the bond shall be fixed at a rate of 3 cents per pound for the licensed capacity: *Provided*, That in any case the amount of bond shall not be less than \$20,000 nor more than \$500,000, except as prescribed in paragraph (c) of this section. The licensed capacity shall be the maximum quantity of nuts that the warehouse will accommodate when stored in the manner customary to the warehouse as determined by the Administrator.

(b) In case a warehouseman is licensed or is applying for licenses to operate two or more warehouses in the same State he may give a single bond meeting the requirements of the Act and the regulations in this part to cover all his warehouses within the State. In such case the warehouses to be covered by the bond shall be deemed to be one warehouse only for purposes of determining the amount of bond required under paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) In case of a deficiency in net assets above the \$10,000 minimum required under § 740.6, there shall be added to the amount of bond determined in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section an amount equal to such deficiency. In any other case in which the Administrator finds that conditions exist which warrant requiring additional bond, there shall be added to the amount of bond as determined under the other provisions of this section, a further amount to meet such conditions.

**§ 740.15 Amendment to license; bond.**

In case an application is made for an amendment to a license and no bond previously filed by the warehouseman under §§ 740.13 through 740.17 covers obligations arising during the period covered by such amendment, the warehouseman shall, when notice has been given by the Secretary, that his appli-

cation for such amendment will be granted upon compliance by such warehouseman with the Act, file with the Secretary, within a time, if any, fixed in such notice, a bond complying with the Act. In the discretion of the Secretary, a properly executed instrument in form approved by him, amending, extending, or continuing in force and effect the obligations of a valid bond previously filed by the warehouseman and otherwise complying with the Act and the regulations in this part, may be filed in lieu of a new bond.

#### **§ 740.16 New bond required each year.**

A continuous form of license shall not remain in force for more than one year from its effective date, or any subsequent extension thereof, unless each year prior to the date on which the license would expire, the warehouseman files a bond in the required amount with the Secretary and such bond has been approved by him.

#### **§ 740.17 Approval of bond.**

No bond, amendment, or continuation thereof shall be accepted for the purposes of the Act and the regulations in this part until it has been approved by the Secretary.

### **WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS**

#### **§ 740.18 Form.**

(a) Every receipt, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, issued for nuts stored in a licensed warehouse shall, in addition to complying with the requirements of section 18 of the Act, embody within its written or printed terms the following:

(1) The name of the warehouseman and the designation, if any, of the warehouse.

(2) The license number of the warehouse.

(3) A statement whether the warehouseman is incorporated or unincorporated, and if incorporated, under what laws.

(4) In the event the relationship existing between the warehouseman and any depositor is not that of strictly disinterested custodianship, a state-

ment setting forth the actual relationship.

(5) A statement conspicuously placed, whether or not the nuts are insured, and, if insured, to what extent, by the warehouseman against loss by fire, lightning, tornado, or otherwise.

(6) The kind and type of nut.

(7) The net weight of the nuts.

(8) In the case of nuts the identity of which are to be preserved, the identification or location in accordance with §§ 740.35, 740.36, and 740.38; and

(9) The words "Not Negotiable," or "Negotiable," according to the nature of the receipt, clearly and conspicuously printed or stamped thereon.

(b) Every receipt, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, issued for unshelled peanuts stored in a licensed warehouse shall specify that the unshelled peanuts are accepted for storage under the Act and the regulations in this part, for a period not to extend beyond July 1 following the year in which harvested. Upon demand and the surrender of the old receipt by the lawful holder thereof on or before July 1, the warehouseman, upon such lawful terms and conditions as may be granted by him at such time to other depositors of unshelled peanuts in the warehouse, if he then continues to act as a licensed warehouseman, may issue a new receipt for a further specified period not to extend beyond March 31 of the year following the date of surrender of the old receipt: *Provided*, That the farmers' stock peanuts are first reinspected by a licensed inspector and found to be in proper condition for further storage and the grade or other class, as determined by the licensed inspector is shown on the new receipt.

(c) Every receipt, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, issued for shelled peanuts stored in dry storage space in a licensed warehouse shall specify a period, for which the peanuts are to be stored under the Act and the regulations in this part, not to extend beyond May 31 following the year in which harvested. Every receipt, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, issued for peanuts stored in cold storage space in a licensed warehouse shall specify a period, not exceeding

one year, for which the peanuts are accepted for storage under the Act and regulations in this part. Upon demand for issuance of a new receipt, surrender of the old receipt by the lawful holder thereof at or before the expiration of the period specified therein and an offer to satisfy the warehouseman's lien, the warehouseman, upon such lawful terms and conditions as may be granted by him to other depositors of peanuts in his warehouse, shall, in the absence of some lawful excuse, issue a new receipt for a further specified period, not exceeding one year.

(d) Every receipt, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, issued for walnuts, filberts, or pecans stored in a licensed warehouse under ordinary dry storage conditions shall specify a period for which the walnuts, filberts, or pecans are accepted for storage under the Act and the regulations in this part not to extend beyond March 31 following the year in which harvested. Upon demand by the lawful holder and surrender of this receipt on or before March 31, the warehouseman, upon such lawful terms and conditions as may be granted by him at such time to other depositors of walnuts, filberts, or pecans in his warehouse, if he then continues to act as a licensed warehouseman may issue a new receipt for a further specified period not to extend beyond December 31 of the year following the date of surrender of the old receipt: *Provided*, That the walnuts, filberts, or pecans are first reinspected by a licensed inspector and found to be in proper condition for further storage and the grade and condition as determined by the licensed inspector and the year in which the walnuts, filberts, or pecans were harvested are shown on the new receipt: *And provided further*, That such nuts are placed in licensed cold storage space before or immediately following inspection thereof and before the issuance of receipts.

(e) The grade or other class stated in a receipt issued for nuts, shall be stated in such receipt in accordance with § 740.77 as determined by the licensed inspector who last inspected the nuts before the issuance of such

receipt, and such receipt shall embody within its written or printed terms the following: (1) That the nuts covered by the receipt were weighed by a licensed weigher, and inspected by a licensed inspector; (2) a form of indorsement which may be used by the depositor or his authorized agent, for showing the ownership of, and liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the nuts covered by the receipt.

(f) If a warehouseman issues a receipt omitting the statement of grade or other class on request of the depositor as permitted by section 18 of the Act, such receipt shall have clearly and conspicuously stamped or written on the face thereof the words "not graded on request of depositor."

(g) If a warehouseman issues a receipt under the Act omitting any information not required to be stated, for which a blank space is provided in the form of the receipt, a line shall be drawn through such space to show that such omission has been made by the warehouseman.

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#### § 740.19 Copies of receipts.

At least one actual or skeleton copy of all receipts shall be made, and all copies, except skeleton copies, shall have clearly and conspicuously printed or stamped thereon the words "Copy—Not Negotiable." A copy of each receipt issued shall be retained by the warehouseman for a period of one year after December 31 of the year in which the corresponding original receipt is canceled.

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#### § 740.20 Lost or destroyed receipts; bond.

(a) In the case of a lost or destroyed receipt, if there be no statute of the United States or law of a State appli-



cable thereto, a new receipt upon the same terms, subject to the same conditions, and bearing on its face the number and the date of the receipt in lieu of which it is issued and a plain and conspicuous statement that it is a duplicate receipt issued in lieu of a lost or destroyed receipt, may be issued upon compliance with the conditions set out in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Before issuing such new or duplicate receipt the licensed warehouseman shall require the depositor or other person applying therefor to make and file with the warehouseman: (1) An affidavit showing that the applicant is lawfully entitled to the possession of the original receipt, that he has not negotiated or assigned it, how the original receipt was lost or destroyed, and if lost, that diligent effort has been made to find the receipt without success, and (2) a bond in an amount double the value, at the time the bond is given, of the nuts represented by the lost or destroyed receipt. Such bond shall be in a form approved for the purpose by the Secretary, shall be conditioned to indemnify the warehouseman against any loss sustained by reason of the issuance of such duplicate receipt, and shall have as surety thereon (i) preferably a surety company which is authorized to do business and is subject to settlement in process in a suit on the bond, in the State in which the warehouse is located, or (ii) at least two individuals other than the applicant who are residents of such State and each of whom owns real property therein having a value, in excess of all exemptions and encumbrances, equal to the extent of the amount of the bond.

#### **§ 740.21 Printing of receipts.**

Receipts issued by a warehouseman shall be: (a) In form prescribed by the Administrator, (b) printed by a printer with whom the United States has a subsisting contract and bond for such printing, and (c) on distinctive paper.

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#### **§ 740.22 Return of receipts before delivery of nuts.**

Except as permitted by law or by this part, a warehouseman shall not deliver nuts for which he has issued a negotiable receipt until the receipt has been returned to him and canceled; and shall not deliver nuts for which he has issued a nonnegotiable receipt until such receipt has been returned to him, or he has obtained from the person lawfully entitled to such delivery, or his authorized agent, a written order therefor.

#### **§ 740.23 Partial delivery of nuts.**

Before delivery is made of the last portion of a lot of nuts covered by a nonnegotiable receipt, the receipt itself shall be surrendered. If a warehouseman delivers a part only of a lot of nuts for which he has issued a negotiable receipt under the Act, he shall take up and cancel such receipt and issue a new receipt bearing the same lot number for the undelivered portion of the nuts. In addition to showing the information required by § 740.18, the new receipt shall also indicate the date and number of the receipt which it supersedes.

#### **§ 740.24 Authority for delivery of nuts on nonnegotiable receipts.**

Each person to whom a nonnegotiable receipt is issued shall furnish the warehouseman with a statement in writing indicating the person or persons having power to authorize delivery of nuts covered by such receipt, together with the bona fide signature of such person or persons. No licensed warehouseman shall honor an order for the release of nuts covered by a nonnegotiable receipt until he has first ascertained that the person issuing the order has authority to order such release and that the signature of the releasing party is genuine: *Provided*, That if the holder of such nonnegotiable receipts agrees in writing to hold blameless both the warehouseman and bondsman for any loss that might result from improper delivery through receipt of an unauthorized telegram, deliveries may be made on receipt of telegraphic orders to be followed immediately with usual confirmation order.

**§ 740.25 Omission of grade; no compulsion by warehouseman.**

No warehouseman shall, directly or indirectly, by any means whatever, compel or attempt to compel the depositor of any nuts stored in his licensed warehouse to request the issuance of a receipt omitting the statement of grade or other class.

**§ 740.26 Persons authorized to sign receipts.**

Each warehouseman shall file with the Department the name and genuine signature of each person authorized to sign warehouse receipts for the warehouseman, and shall promptly notify the Department of any changes as to persons authorized to sign and shall file the signatures of such persons, and each warehouseman shall be bound by such signatures the same as if he had personally signed the receipt.

**§ 740.27 Canceled receipts; auditing.**

Each warehouseman, when requested by the Service, shall forward his cancelled receipts for auditing to such field offices of the Service as may be designated from time to time. For the purpose of this section, only such portion as the Service may designate of each cancelled receipt, numbered to correspond with the actual receipt number need be submitted.

**DUTIES OF LICENSED WAREHOUSEMEN**

**§ 740.28 Nuts must be inspected and weighed.**

(a) Except in case of identity preserved nuts when grade or other class is omitted at request of depositor, all nuts received into the warehouse shall be inspected and weighed by a licensed inspector and/or weigher and no receipt may be issued under the Act and the regulations in this part until the nuts covered by such receipt have been so inspected and weighed.

(b) When requested by the depositor of nuts the identity of which is to be preserved, a receipt omitting statement of grade or other class but not weight may be issued.

(c) Except as provided in § 740.41, all nuts delivered out of a warehouse must be weighed by a licensed weigher.

(d) Warehousemen must keep stocks of nuts in storage by grades or other class in balance with the grades or other class of nuts represented by outstanding storage obligations for which receipts have been or are to be issued, except when the nuts have unavoidably improved or deteriorated through natural causes. In the case the grades or other class of stored nuts should get out of balance with grades or other class represented by outstanding storage obligations for which receipts have been or are to be issued, the warehouseman shall effect proper adjustments.

**§ 740.29 Receipts; basis for issuance.**

Before issuing any receipt under the Act each warehouseman shall, unless he personally weighed, inspected, and graded, if graded, a lot of nuts, first obtain either a copy of, or the original weight certificate, and inspection certificate, if any, covering said lot of nuts. The warehouse records shall clearly identify the certificate(s) used as a basis of issuance of each warehouse receipt, and said inspection and weight certificate shall be kept on file as a record in the warehouseman's office. Such certificates shall be retained for a period of three years after December 31 of the year in which issued.

**§ 740.30 Insurance requirements.**

(a) Each licensed warehouseman, when so requested in writing as to any nuts by the depositor thereof or lawful holder of the receipt covering such nuts, shall, to the extent to which in the exercise of due diligence he is able to procure such insurance, keep such nuts while in his custody as a licensed warehouseman insured in his own name or arrange for insurance otherwise to the extent so requested against loss or damage by fire, lightning and tornado. When insurance is not carried in the warehouseman's name the receipts shall show that the nuts are not insured by the warehouseman. Such insurance shall be covered by



lawful policies issued by one or more insurance companies authorized to do such business, and subject to service of process in suits brought, in the State where the warehouse is located. If the warehouseman is unable to procure such insurance to the extent requested, he shall, by telegraph or orally in person or by telephone and with subsequent confirmation in writing, and at his own expense, immediately notify the person making the request of the fact. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the warehouseman from adopting a rule that he will insure all nuts stored in his warehouse.

(b) Each warehouseman shall comply fully with the terms of insurance policies or contracts covering his licensed warehouse and all products stored therein, and shall not commit any acts, nor permit his employees to do anything, which might impair or invalidate such insurance.

(c) Each warehouseman shall keep exposed conspicuously in the place prescribed by § 740.8, and at such other place as the Administrator or his representative may from time to time designate, a notice stating briefly the conditions under which the nuts will be insured against loss or damage by fire, lightning, and tornado.

(d) Each warehouseman shall, in accordance with his contracts with insurance and bonding companies for the purpose of meeting the insurance and bonding requirements of the regulations in this part, pay such premiums, permit such reasonable inspections and examinations, and make such reasonable reports as may be provided for in such contracts.

(e) Each warehouseman shall promptly take such steps as may be necessary and proper to collect any moneys which may become due under contracts of insurance entered into by him for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the regulations in this part, and shall, as soon as collected, promptly pay to the persons concerned any portion of such moneys which they may be entitled to receive from him.

#### § 740.31 Care of nuts in warehouses.

Each warehouseman shall at all times exercise such care in regard to nuts in his custody as a reasonably careful owner would exercise under the same circumstances and conditions. Walnuts, filberts, and/or pecans stored under licensed receipts between March 31 and December 31, of the year following the year in which such walnuts, filberts, and/or pecans were harvested must be stored in a licensed cold-storage warehouse or room. Unless otherwise authorized by the Administrator, the warehouseman shall maintain even temperature and humidity in licensed cold-storage space, with temperature not higher than 37° F., nor less than 32° F., and relative humidity not higher than 70 percent nor less than 55 percent at any time while nuts of any kind subject to this Act are in storage. Such licensed cold-storage warehouse or room shall be equipped with automatic recording instruments for temperature and relative humidity approved by the Administrator. Continuous records or charts of temperature and relative humidity shall be kept by the warehouseman.

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#### § 740.32 Care of nonlicensed nuts, or other commodities.

If, at any time, a warehouseman shall handle or store nuts otherwise than as a licensed warehouseman, or shall handle or store any other commodity, he shall so protect the same, and otherwise exercise care with respect to it, as not to endanger the nuts in his custody as a warehouseman or impair the insurance thereof or his ability to meet his obligations and perform his duties under the act and the regulations in this part. If the warehouseman stores commodities other than those for which he is licensed, licensed receipts shall not be issued therefor.

#### **§ 740.33 Records to be kept in safe place.**

Each warehouseman shall provide a fireproof safe, vault, or compartment in which he shall keep, when not in actual use, all records, books, and papers pertaining to the licensed warehouse, including his current receipt book, copies of issued and canceled receipts, except that with the written consent of the Administrator, upon a showing by such warehouseman that it is not practicable to provide such fireproof safe, vault, or compartment, he may keep such records, books, and papers in some other place of safety approved by the Administrator. Each canceled receipt shall be retained by the warehouseman for a period of 6 years after December 31, of the year in which the receipt is canceled and for such longer period as may be necessary for the purposes of any litigation which the warehouseman knows to be pending, or as may be required by the Administrator in particular cases to carry out the purposes of the Act. Canceled receipts shall be arranged by the warehouseman in numerical order and otherwise in such manner as shall be directed, for purposes of audit, by authorized officers or agents of the Department of Agriculture.

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#### **§ 740.34 Warehouse charges.**

A warehouseman shall not make any unreasonable or exorbitant charge for service rendered. Before a license to conduct a warehouse is granted under the Act, the warehouseman shall file with the Service a copy of his rules and a schedule of charges to be made by him if licensed. Before making any change in such rules or schedule of charges, he shall file with the Service a statement in writing showing the proposed change and the reasons therefor. Each warehouseman shall keep exposed conspicuously in the place prescribed by § 740.8, and at such other places, accessible to the

public, as the Administrator or his representative may from time to time designate, a copy of his current rules and schedule of charges.

#### **§ 740.35 Numbered tags to be attached to packaged nuts.**

Each warehouseman shall, upon acceptance of any lot of nuts in packages or sacks for storage, immediately stencil or mark an identification number or mark on each such package in the lot and attach to such lot a tag of good quality which shall identify the lot. Such tag shall show the lot number, the identification mark on each package, the number of the receipt issued to cover such nuts, the number of packages or sacks in the lot, the kind of nuts, the grade or other class if determined, and the gross weight of the nuts at the time they entered storage.

#### **§ 740.36 Identification tag on stored nuts.**

Each warehouseman shall so store each lot of nuts for which a receipt under the Act has been issued that the tag thereon, required by § 740.35 is visible and readily accessible, and shall arrange all packages in his licensed warehouse so as to permit an accurate count thereof and to facilitate sampling of the nuts and inspection for condition.

#### **§ 740.37 Bulk nuts; grade or other class and weights.**

Each licensed warehouseman shall accept all nuts for storage and shall deliver out of storage all bulk nuts, other than specially binned or sacked nuts, in accordance with the grade or other class of such nuts as determined by a person duly licensed to inspect such nuts and to certificate the grade or other class thereof, and in accordance with the weights of such nuts as determined by a person duly licensed to weigh such nuts and to certificate the weight thereof, under the Act and the regulations in this part.

#### **§ 740.38 Identity-preserved nuts; bulk storage.**

Upon the acceptance for storage in his licensed warehouse of any lot of bulk nuts the identity of which is to be preserved, the warehouseman shall

store such nuts in an individual bin or compartment designated by lot or cargo numbers, or by letters, numbers or other clearly distinguishable words or signs, permanently and securely affixed thereto, or shall so mark the container or containers of such nuts, or so place the nuts in the warehouse, that their identity will not be lost during the storage period.

#### **§ 740.39 Delivery of nuts.**

Except as may be provided by law or the regulations in this part, each licensed warehouseman: (a) Upon proper presentation of a receipt for any nuts, other than identity-preserved nuts, and upon payment or tender of all advances and legal charges, shall deliver to such depositor or lawful holder of such receipt nuts of the grade or other class and quantity specified in such receipt, and (b) upon proper presentation of a receipt for any nuts, the identity of which was to have been preserved during the storage period, and upon payment or tender of all advances and legal charges, shall deliver to the person lawfully entitled thereto, the identical nuts stored in his licensed warehouse.

#### **§ 740.40 Removal of nuts from storage; conditions.**

Except as may be permitted by law or the regulations in this part, a licensed warehouseman shall not remove any nuts for storage from the licensed warehouse until such receipt is first surrendered and canceled. If it becomes absolutely necessary to remove the nuts prior to the surrender of the receipts in order to protect the interests of holders of the receipts, the warehouseman shall promptly notify the Administrator of such removal and the necessity therefor.

#### **§ 740.41 Loading out without weighing.**

When the lawful owner of an entire lot of identity preserved nuts requests the warehouseman to deliver said lot without reweighing said nuts, the warehouseman may make such delivery if there is an accurate record of the weight of such nuts when received. Such deliveries shall be made only when the lawful owner agrees to

assume all shortages and other risks incidental thereto, and after the warehouse receipts covering all of the nuts in the lot have been surrendered to the warehouseman and canceled.

#### **§ 740.42 Business hours.**

(a) Each licensed warehouse shall be kept open for the purpose of receiving nuts for storage and delivering nuts out of storage every business day for a period of not less than six hours between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section. The warehouseman shall keep conspicuously posted on the door of the public entrance to his office and to his warehouse a notice showing the hours during which the warehouse will be kept open, except when such warehouse is kept open continuously for eight hours between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(b) In case the warehouse is not to be kept open as required by paragraph (a) of this section, the notice posted as prescribed in that paragraph shall state the period during which the warehouse is to be closed and the name of an accessible person, with the telephone number and address where he is to be found, who shall be authorized to deliver nuts stored in such warehouse, upon lawful demand by the depositor thereof or the holder of the receipt therefor, as the case may be.

#### **§ 740.43 System of accounts.**

Each licensed warehouseman shall have and maintain a system of accounts, approved for the purpose by the Service, which shall include but is not limited to a stock record showing for each lot of nuts, the name of the depositor, the weight of the nuts, the number of packages in each lot, the grade or other class when grade or other class is required to be, or is, ascertained, the location, the dates received for and delivered out of storage and the receipts issued and canceled, a separate record for each depositor and such accounts shall include a detailed record of all moneys received and disbursed and of all effective insurance policies. In the case of nuts stored in packages, the tag number mentioned



in § 740.35 shall be shown. Such records shall be retained by the warehouseman for a period of six years after December 31 of the year in which created, and for such longer period as may be necessary for the purposes of any litigation which the warehouseman knows to be pending, or as may be required by the Administrator in particular cases to carry out the purposes of the Act.

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#### § 740.44 Reports.

Each licensed warehouseman shall, from time to time, when requested by the Administrator, make such reports, on forms prescribed and furnished for the purpose by the Service, concerning the condition, contents, operation, and business of the warehouse as the Administrator may require.

#### § 740.45 Copies of reports to be kept.

Each warehouseman shall keep on file, as a part of the records of the warehouse, for a period of 3 years after December 31 of the year in which submitted, an exact copy of each report submitted by such warehouseman under the regulations in this part.

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#### § 740.46 Inspections; examinations of warehouses.

Each licensed warehouseman shall permit any officer or agent of the Department of Agriculture, authorized by the Secretary for the purpose, to enter and inspect or examine, on any business day during the usual hours of business, any warehouse for the conduct of which such warehouseman holds a license, the office thereof, the books, records, papers, and accounts

relating thereto, and the contents thereof, and such warehouseman shall furnish such officer or agent the assistance necessary to enable him to make any inspection or examination under this section.

#### § 740.47 Weighing, testing, measuring apparatus; inspection.

The apparatus used for determining the weight, quantity, or quality stated in a receipt or certificate shall be subject to examination by the Service. If the Service shall disapprove such apparatus, it shall not thereafter, unless such disapproval be withdrawn, be used in ascertaining the weight, quantity, or quality of nuts for the purposes of the Act and the regulations in this part.

#### § 740.48 Warehouse to be kept clean.

Each licensed warehouseman shall keep his warehouse clean and free from trash, dust, rubbish, or accumulations of materials that will increase the fire hazard or interfere with the handling of nuts.

#### § 740.49 Signs of tenancy; posting.

(a) Each licensed warehouseman operating a "field" or "custodian" warehouse shall, during the life of his license display and maintain appropriate signs on the licensed warehouse in such a manner as will give ample notice of his tenancy of all buildings or parts thereof included in his license.

(b) Such signs shall be of appropriate size and design and shall include the following: (1) The name of the licensee, (2) the license number of the warehouse, (3) whether the warehouseman is owner or lessee, and (4) the words "public warehouse."

(c) Such other wording or lettering may appear in the sign or signs not inconsistent with the purpose of the Act and the regulations in this part, subject to the approval of the Service.

(d) Upon the expiration of his license, or during periods of suspension thereof, the warehouseman shall immediately remove such signs or por-

tions thereof as may convey the impression that the warehouse is licensed.

(e) The warehouseman shall not permit any signs to remain on his licensed property which might lead to confusion as to the tenancy.

#### **§ 740.50 Excess storage.**

If at any time a warehouseman shall store nuts in his warehouse in excess of the capacity for which it is licensed, such warehouseman shall immediately notify the Service of such excess storage, the reason therefor, and the location thereof.

#### **§ 740.51 Deteriorating nuts; handling.**

(a) If the licensed warehouseman, with the approval of the licensed inspector, shall determine that any nuts are deteriorating and that such deterioration cannot be stopped, the licensed warehouseman shall give immediate notice of the fact, in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) Such notice shall state: (1) The warehouse in which the nuts are stored; (2) the quantity, kind, and grade or other class of the nuts at the time the notice is given; (3) the actual condition of the nuts as nearly as can be ascertained, and the reason, if known, for such condition; (4) the outstanding receipts covering the amount of nuts out of condition, giving the number and date of each such receipt and the quantity, the kind, and grade or other class of the nuts as stated in each such receipt; and (5) that such nuts will be delivered upon the return and cancellation of the receipts therefor.

(c) A copy of such notice shall be delivered in person or shall be sent by mail: (1) To the person holding the receipts, if known to the licensed warehouseman; (2) to the person who originally deposited the nuts; (3) to any other persons known by the licensed warehouseman to be interested in the nuts; and (4) to the Administrator. If the holders of the receipts and owners of the nuts are known to the licensed warehouseman and cannot, in the regular course of the mails, be reached

within 12 hours, the licensed warehouseman shall, whether or not requested so to do, also immediately notify such persons by telegraph or telephone at their expense. Public notice shall also be given by posting a copy of such notice at the place where the warehouseman is required to post his license and keeping such notice posted so long as the condition exists. A copy of such notice shall be kept as a record of the warehouse.

(d) Any person, interested in any nuts or the receipt covering such nuts stored in a licensed warehouse, may, in writing, notify the licensed warehouseman conducting such licensed warehouse, of the fact of his interest, and such licensed warehouseman shall keep a record of the fact. If such person requests in writing that he be notified regarding the condition of any such nuts and agree to pay the cost of any telegraph or telephone toll charge, such licensed warehouseman shall notify such person in accordance with such request.

(e) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as relieving the licensed warehouseman from properly caring for any nuts after notification of their condition in accordance with this section.

(f) Records required to be kept by this section shall be retained, as a part of the records of the warehouse, for a period of six years after December 31 of the year in which created, and for such longer period as may be necessary for the purposes of any litigation which the warehouseman knows to be pending, or as may be required by the Administrator in particular cases to carry out the purposes of the Act.

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#### **§ 740.52 Sale at public auction.**

If the nuts, advertised in accordance with the requirements of § 740.51 have not been removed from storage by the owner thereof within 5 days from the date of notice of their being out of condition, the licensed warehouseman in whose licensed warehouse such nuts

are stored may sell the same at public auction at the expense and for the account of the owner after giving 10 days' notice in the manner specified in § 740.51(c).

#### § 740.53 Compliance with contracts.

Each warehouseman shall faithfully perform such obligations as a warehouseman as may be assumed by him under contracts with depositors of nuts in his warehouse.

#### § 740.54 Fire loss to be reported by wire.

If at any time a fire shall occur at or within any licensed warehouse, it shall be the duty of the warehouseman to report immediately by wire or by telephone to the Administrator the occurrence of such fire and the extent of damage.

#### § 740.55 Grade-weight certificate; filing.

When an inspection or weight certificate has been issued by a licensed inspector or weigher, a copy of such certificate shall be filed with the warehouseman in whose warehouse the nuts covered by such certificate are stored, and such certificate shall become a part of the records of the licensed warehouseman. Such certificates shall be retained, as a part of the records of the warehouse, for a period of three years after December 31 of the year in which the certificates are issued.

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### FEES

#### § 740.56 License fees.

There shall be charged and collected a fee of \$50 for each original warehouseman's license, and a fee of \$50 for each amended, modified, extended, reinstated or duplicate warehouseman's license applied for by a warehouseman, and a fee of \$20 for each license or amendment thereto issued to any

person to inspect, grade, or weigh agricultural products stored or to be stored under provisions of this Act.

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#### § 740.57 Warehouse inspection fees.

There shall be charged and collected:

(a) For each original examination or inspection, a reexamination or reinspection for modification of an existing license of a warehouse under the Act a fee at the rate of \$5 for each 100 tons, or fraction thereof, of peanuts, and \$10 for each 1,000 hundredweight, or fraction thereof of other nuts of storage capacity determined in accordance with § 740.6, but in no case less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000; and

(b)(1) For each licensed warehouse an annual fee at the rate of 10¢ for each ton of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case shall the fee be less than \$400 nor more than \$2,000. The licensed capacity shall be that stated in the current warehouse license as determined under § 740.6.

(2) If Commodity Credit Corporation has a depository interest in any warehouse covered by this section and shares in the cost of the examination program at that warehouse, the fees stipulated in this section shall be reduced to that warehouseman by the amount Commodity Credit Corporation pays.

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#### § 740.58 Advance deposit.

Before any license is granted, or an original examination or inspection is made, or reexamination or reinspection for modification of an existing license is made, or when the annual fee for the licensed warehouse is assessed, pursuant to the regulation in this part, the applicant or licensee shall deposit with the Service the amount of the fee prescribed. Such deposit shall be made in the form of a check, certified if required by the Service, draft,



or post office or express money order, payable to the order of "Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA." \*

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#### **§ 740.59 Return of excess deposit.**

The Treasurer of the United States shall hold in his custody each advance deposit made under § 740.58 until the fee, if any, is assessed and he is furnished by the Service with a statement showing the amount thereof and against whom assessed. Any part of such advance deposit which is not required for the payment of any fee assessed shall be returned to the party depositing the same.

### **INSPECTORS AND WEIGHERS**

#### **§ 740.60 Inspectors' and weighers' applications.**

(a) Application for licenses to inspect and grade or to weigh nuts under section 11 of the Act shall be made to the Administrator on forms furnished for the purpose by him. Each application shall be in English, shall be signed by the applicant, and shall contain or be accompanied by a statement from the warehouseman for whom the applicant will inspect, grade, or weigh nuts under the Act, showing whether the applicant is competent and is acceptable to such warehouseman for the purpose.

(b) Each inspector's application shall contain:

(1) Evidence that he can correctly grade nuts in accordance with the official standards of the United States, or in the absence of such standards in accordance with any standards approved by the Administrator, and

(2) Satisfactory evidence that he will be provided with such means or facilities for inspecting and grading nuts as may be deemed necessary, for use in the locality in which the applicant expects to perform services as a licensed inspector.

(c) Applications for licenses to weigh nuts shall be on forms furnished for the purpose by the Administrator and

shall give such information as will show the applicant's experience in weighing nuts.

(d) A single application may be made by any person for a license as both inspector and weigher upon complying with the requirements of this section.

(e) An applicant shall at any time furnish such additional information as the Department shall find to be necessary to the consideration of his application.

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#### **§ 740.61 Examination of applicant.**

Each applicant for license as an inspector or weigher and each inspector or weigher shall, whenever requested by an authorized agent of the Department, submit to an examination or test to show his ability properly to inspect and grade or to weigh nuts.

#### **§ 740.62 Posting of license.**

Each inspector or weigher shall keep his license conspicuously posted in a place designated for the purpose by the Service unless authorized by the Service not to do so.

#### **§ 740.63 Duties of inspectors and weighers.**

Each inspector and each weigher whose license remains in effect shall, without discrimination, as soon as practicable, and upon reasonable terms, inspect, grade or weigh and certify the grade or other class or weight of nuts, stored or to be stored, in a warehouse, for which he holds a license, if such nuts be offered to him under conditions as permit proper inspection and weighing and the determination of the grade or other class or weight thereof. No inspector shall issue a certificate of grade or other class for any nuts unless the inspection thereof be based upon a correct and representative sample of the nuts.

#### **§ 740.64 Inspection certification; form.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each inspection certificate issued under the Act by an inspector shall be in a form approved for

the purpose by the Department, and shall embody the following information within its written or printed terms:

(1) The caption "United States Warehouse Act, Nut Inspection Certificate."

(2) Whether it is an original, a duplicate, or other copy, and that it is not negotiable.

(3) The name and location of the warehouse in which the nuts are or are to be stored.

(4) A statement showing whether the inspection covers nuts moving into or out of the warehouse.

(5) The date of the certificate.

(6) The consecutive number of the certificate.

(7) The approximate amount of nuts covered by the certificate.

(8) The kind of nuts covered by the certificate.

(9) The grade or other class of the nuts, as determined by such licensed inspector, in accordance with § 740.77, and, in the case of nuts for which no official nut standards of the United States are in effect, the standard or description in accordance with which such nuts are graded.

(10) A statement that the certificate is issued by an inspector licensed under the United States Warehouse Act and the regulations thereunder.

(11) The signature of the inspector who inspected and graded the nuts.

In addition, the inspection certificate may include any other matter not inconsistent with the Act or the regulations in this part, provided the approval of the Service is first secured.

(b) In lieu of the inspection certificate provided for in the preceding paragraph, each inspector, who holds an unsuspended and unrevoked license under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 and regulations thereunder to inspect and grade any nuts and to certify the grade or other class thereof for shipment or delivery for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, shall, unless otherwise requested as to any such nuts by the owner or depositor thereof, issue a certificate of grade or other class covering such nuts in accordance with the Agricultural

Marketing Act of 1946 and regulations thereunder. Such nuts shall be deemed to be inspected and graded and such certificate of grade or other class shall be deemed to be an inspection certificate for the purposes of the Act and the regulations in this part.

#### § 740.65 Copies of inspection certificates to be accessible.

Each inspector shall, as soon as possible after inspecting any nuts and not later than the close of business on the next following business day, make accessible to the parties interested in a transaction in which the nuts are involved at the place designated in § 740.62 a true copy of the inspection certificate issued by him for such nuts or a record of each lot or parcel of nuts inspected or graded by such licensed inspector showing the information contained on such inspection certificate.

#### § 740.66 Weight certificate; form.

Each weight certificate issued under the Act by a weigher shall be in a form approved for the purpose by the Service, and shall embody the following information within its written or printed terms:

(a) The caption "United States Warehouse Act, Nut Weight Certificate."

(b) Whether it is an original, a duplicate, or other copy, and that it is not negotiable.

(c) The name and location of the warehouse in which the nuts are or are to be stored.

(d) Whether the nuts are weighed into or out of the warehouse.

(e) The date of the certificate.

(f) The consecutive number of the certificate.

(g) The gross weight of the nuts.

(h) A statement that the certificate is issued by a weigher licensed under the United States Warehouse Act and the regulations thereunder, and

(i) The signature of the weigher.

In addition, the weight certificate may include any other matter not inconsistent with the Act or the regulations in this part provided the approval of the Service is first secured.



**§ 740.67 Combination grade and weight certificate.**

The grade or other class and weight of any nuts ascertained by an inspector and a weigher may be stated on a certificate meeting the combined requirements of §§ 740.64 through 740.66, if the form of such certificate shall have been approved for the purpose by the Service.

**§ 740.68 Copies of certificates to be kept.**

Each inspector and each weigher shall keep for a period of one year in a place accessible to interested parties a copy of each certificate issued by him under the regulations in this part, and shall file a copy of each such certificate with the warehouse in which the nuts covered by the certificates are stored.

**§ 740.69 Licensees to permit examination of records.**

Each inspector and each weigher shall permit any authorized officer or agent of the Department to inspect or examine on any business day during the usual hours of business, his books, papers, records, and accounts relating to the performance of his duties under the Act and this part, and shall, with the consent of the warehouseman concerned, assist any such officer or agent in the inspection or examination mentioned in § 740.46 as far as any such inspection or examination relates to the performance of the duties of such inspector or weigher under the Act and the regulations in this part.

**§ 740.70 Reports by licensees.**

Each inspector and each weigher shall, from time to time, if requested by the Service, make reports, on forms approved for the purpose by the Service, bearing upon his activities as such inspector or weigher.

**§ 740.71 Licenses; suspension, cancellation or revocation.**

Pending investigation, the Secretary may, whenever he deems necessary, suspend the license of an inspector or weigher temporarily without hearing. Upon a written request or a satisfactory statement of reasons therefor,

submitted by the inspector or weigher, the Secretary or his designated representative may, without hearing, suspend or cancel the license issued to such inspector or weigher. The Secretary may, after opportunity for hearing has been afforded in the manner

prescribed in this section, suspend or revoke a license issued to an inspector or a weigher when such licensee: (a) Has ceased to perform services as such inspector or weigher, or (b) Has in any other manner become incompetent or incapacitated to perform the duties of such inspector or weigher. As soon as it shall come to the attention of a warehouseman that either of the conditions mentioned under (a) or (b) of this section exists, it shall be the duty of such warehouseman to notify the Service in writing. Before the license of any inspector or weigher is permanently suspended or revoked pursuant to section 12 of the Act, such inspector or weigher shall be furnished by the Secretary a written statement specifying the charges and shall be allowed a reasonable time within which he may answer the same in writing and apply for a hearing, an opportunity for which shall be afforded in accordance with § 740.81.

**§ 740.72 Suspended or revoked license; termination of license.**

(a) In case a license issued to an inspector or weigher is suspended or revoked by the Secretary, such license shall be returned to the Secretary. At the expiration of any period of suspension of such license, unless in the meantime it be revoked, the dates of the beginning and termination of the suspension shall be indorsed thereon, it shall be returned to the inspector or weigher to whom it was originally issued and it shall be posted as prescribed in § 740.62.

(b) Any license issued under the Act and the regulations in this part to an inspector or weigher shall automatically be suspended as to any warehouse whenever the license of such warehouse shall be suspended and shall automatically terminate as to any warehouse whenever the license of such warehouse shall be revoked.

Upon either suspension or termination of any inspector's or weigher's license under this paragraph, such license shall be returned to the Department. In case such license shall apply to other warehouses, the Secretary shall issue to the licensee a new license, omitting the names of the warehouses for which licenses have been revoked or suspended. Such new license shall be posted as prescribed in § 740.62.

#### § 740.73 Lost or destroyed licenses.

Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a license issued to an inspector or weigher, a duplicate thereof may be issued under the same number, in the discretion of the Secretary.

#### § 740.74 Unlicensed inspectors and weighers.

No person shall in any way represent himself to be an inspector or weigher licensed under the Act unless he is a licensed inspector or licensed weigher as defined in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (m) and (n) of § 740.2

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### NUT GRADING

#### § 740.75 Classification; statement.

Whenever the type or grade or other class of nuts is required to be or is stated for the purposes of the Act and the regulations in this part, it shall be stated in accordance with § 740.77.

#### § 740.76 Grades based on inspection and sample.

Whenever the grade or other class of nuts is required to be or is stated for the purposes of the Act or the regulations in this part, it shall be based upon a correct and representative sample of the nuts and the inspection and grading thereof shall be made under conditions which permit the determination of its true grade or other class.

#### § 740.77 Standards to be used.

Official Nut Grading Standards of the United States are hereby adopted

as the official nut grading standards of the Act and the regulations in this part; *Provided*, That, the grade of nuts for which no official nut standards of the United States are in effect, shall be stated: (a) In accordance with the standards, if any, adopted by the local board of trade, chamber of commerce, or by the nut trade generally in the locality in which the warehouse is located, subject to the approval of the Service, or (b) in the absence of the standards mentioned in (a) of this section, in accordance with any standards approved for the purpose by the Service.

#### § 740.78 Conditions and procedure for appeal of grades or other class.

(a) If a question arises as to whether the kind, grade or other class, or condition of nuts was correctly stated in a receipt or inspection certificate issued under the Act or the regulations in this part, the warehouseman concerned or any person financially interested in the nuts involved may, after reasonable notice to the other party, submit the question to the Administrator, who may appoint a committee to make a determination. The decision of the committee shall be final unless the Administrator shall direct a review of the question. Immediately upon making its decision, the committee shall issue a certificate embodying its findings to the appellants and to the licensee or licensees involved.

(b) If the decision of the committee be that the kind, grade or other class or condition of any identifiable lot was not correctly stated, a new receipt or certificate embodying therein the statement of kind, grade or other class or condition in accordance with the findings of the committee.

(c) All necessary and reasonable expenses of such determination shall be borne by the losing party, unless the Administrator or his representative shall decide that the expense shall be prorated between the parties.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### § 740.79 Publications.

Publications under the Act and the regulations in this part, shall be made

in such media as deemed proper by the Administrator.

**§ 740.80 Information of violations.**

Every person licensed under the Act shall immediately furnish the Administrator any information which comes to the knowledge of such persons tending to show that any provision of the Act or the regulations in this part has been violated.

**§ 740.81 Procedure in hearings.**

Hearings under the Act or the regulations in this part, except those relating to appeals or arbitrations shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Administrative Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary under various statutes (7 CFR 1.130 through 1.151).

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**§ 740.82 One document and one license to cover several products.**

A license may be issued for the storage of two or more agricultural products in a single warehouse. Where such a license is desired, a single application, inspection, bond, record, report or other paper, document or proceeding relating to such warehouse, shall be sufficient unless otherwise directed by the Administrator.

**§ 740.83 Bond, assets, and fees for combination warehouse.**

Where such license is desired, the amount of the bond, net assets, and inspection and license fees shall be determined by the Administrator in accordance with the regulations applicable to the particular agricultural product which would require the largest bond and the greatest amount of net assets and of fees if the full capacity of the warehouse was used for its storage.

**§ 740.84 Amendments.**

Any amendment to, or revision of, the regulations in this part, unless otherwise stated therein, shall apply in the same manner to persons holding licenses at the time it becomes effective as it applies to persons thereafter licensed under the Act.

# UNITED STATES WAREHOUSE ACT

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(7 U.S.C. 241-273)

That this Act shall be known by the short title of "United States warehouse Act." (7 U.S.C. 241.)

**Sec. 2.** That the term "warehouse" as used in this Act shall be deemed to mean every building, structure, or other protected inclosure in which any agricultural product is or may be stored for interstate or foreign commerce, or, if located within any place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, in which any agricultural product is or may be stored. As used in this Act, "person" includes a corporation or partnership or two or more persons having a joint or common interest; "warehouseman" means a person lawfully engaged in the business of storing agricultural products; and "receipt" means a warehouse receipt. (7 U.S.C. 242.)

**Sec. 3.** That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to investigate the storage, warehousing, classifying according to grade and otherwise, weighing, and certification of agricultural products; upon application to him by any person applying for license to conduct a warehouse under this Act, to inspect such warehouse or cause it to be inspected; at any time, with or without application to him, to inspect or cause to be inspected all warehouses licensed under this Act; to determine whether warehouses for which licenses are applied for or have been issued under this Act are suitable for the

proper storage of any agricultural product or products; to classify warehouses licensed or applying for a license in accordance with their ownership, location, surroundings, capacity, conditions, and other qualities, and as to the kinds of licenses issued or that may be issued for them pursuant to this Act; and to prescribe, within the limitations of this Act, the duties of the warehousemen conducting warehouses licensed under this Act with respect to their care of and responsibility for agricultural products stored therein. (7 U.S.C. 243.)

**Sec. 4.** That the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, is authorized, upon application to him, to issue to any warehouseman a license for the conduct of a warehouse or warehouses in accordance with this Act and such rules and regulations as may be made hereunder: *Provided*, That each such warehouse be found suitable for the proper storage of the particular agricultural product or products for which a license is applied for, and that such warehouseman agree, as a condition to the granting of the license, to comply with and abide by all the terms of this Act and the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder. (7 U.S.C. 244.)

**Sec. 5.** That each license issued under Sections 4 and 9 of this Act shall terminate as therein provided, or in accordance with the terms of this Act

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1/ August 11, 1916, ch. 313, part C, § 28, 39 Stat. 486, as amended July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 266; Feb. 23, 1923, ch. 106, 42 Stat. 1282; March 2, 1931, ch. 366, § 146 Stat. 1463; Aug. 13, 1981, Pub. L. 97-35, § 158, 95 Stat. 357, effective Oct. 1, 1981; Mar. 20, 1986, Pub. L. 99-260, § 14, 100 Stat. 54.



and the regulations thereunder, and may from time to time be modified or extended by a written instrument. (7 U.S.C. 245.)

**Sec. 6.** That each warehouseman applying for a license to conduct a warehouse in accordance with this Act shall, as a condition to the granting thereof, execute and file with the Secretary of Agriculture a good and sufficient bond to the United States to secure the faithful performance of his obligations as a warehouseman under the terms of this Act and the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder, and of such additional obligations as a warehouseman as may be assumed by him under contracts with the respective depositors of agricultural products in such warehouse. Said bond shall be in such form and amount, shall have such surety or sureties, subject to service of process in suits on the bond within the State, District, or Territory in which the warehouse is located, and shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe to carry out the purposes of this Act, and may, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, include the requirements of fire and/or other insurance. Whenever the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, shall determine that a previously approved bond is, or for any cause has become, insufficient, he may require an additional bond or bonds to be given by the warehouseman concerned, conforming with the requirements of this section, and unless the same be given within the time fixed by a written demand therefor the license of such warehouseman may be suspended or revoked. (7 U.S.C. 247.)

**Sec. 7.** That any person injured by the breach of any obligation to secure which a bond is given, under the provisions of Sections 6 or 9, shall be entitled to sue on the bond in his own name in any court of competent juris-

diction to recover the damages he may have sustained by such breach. (7 U.S.C. 249.)

**Sec. 8.** That upon the filing with and approval by the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, of a bond, in compliance with this Act, for the conduct of a warehouse, such warehouse may be designated as bonded hereunder; but no warehouse shall be designated as bonded under this Act, and no name or description conveying the impression that it is so bonded shall be used until a bond, such as provided for in section 6, has been filed with and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, nor unless the license issued under this Act for the conduct of such warehouse remains unsuspended and unrevoked. (7 U.S.C. 250.)

**Sec. 9.** That the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, may, under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe, issue a license to any person not a warehouseman to accept the custody of agricultural products, and to store the same in a warehouse or warehouses owned, operated, or leased by any state, upon condition that such person agree to comply with and abide by the terms of this Act and the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder. Each person so licensed shall issue receipts for the agricultural products placed in his custody, and shall give bond, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the rules and regulations hereunder affecting warehousemen licensed under this Act, and shall otherwise be subject to this Act, and such rules and regulations, to the same extent as is provided for warehousemen licensed hereunder. (7 U.S.C. 248.)

**Sec. 10.** The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designated representative, shall charge, assess, and cause to be collected a

reasonable fee for (1) each examination or inspection of a warehouse (including the physical facilities and records thereof and the agricultural products therein) under this Act; (2) each license issued to any person to classify, inspect, grade, sample, or weigh agricultural products stored or to be stored under provisions of this Act; (3) each annual warehouse license issued to a warehouseman to conduct a warehouse under this Act; and (4) each warehouse license amended, modified, extended, or reinstated under this Act. Such fees shall cover as nearly as practicable, the costs of providing such services and licenses, including administrative and supervisory costs: *Provided,*

That the amount of such fees collected for cotton warehouse inspections shall not exceed \$400,000 in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, \$415,000 in fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, and \$430,000 in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984. All fees collected shall be credited to the current appropriation account that incurs the costs and shall be available without fiscal year limitation to pay the expenses of the Secretary incident to

providing services under this Act. The Secretary may deposit such funds in an interest bearing account with a financial institution. If any interest is earned on this account such interest shall be credited to the account for use by the Secretary in providing such services. (7 U.S.C. 251.)

Sec. 11. That the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, may upon presentation of satisfactory proof of competency, issue to any person a license to inspect, sample, or classify any agricultural product or products, stored or to be stored in a warehouse licensed under this Act, according to condition, grade, or otherwise and to certificate the condition, grade, or other class thereof, or to weigh the same and certificate the weight thereof, or both to inspect, sample, or classify and weigh the same and to certificate the condition, grade, or other class and the weight thereof, upon condition that such person agree to comply with and abide by the terms of this Act and of the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder so far as the same relate to him. (7 U.S.C. 252.)

Sec. 12. That any license issued to any person to inspect, sample, or classify, or to weigh any agricultural product or products under this Act may be suspended or revoked by the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, whenever he is satisfied, after opportunity afforded to the licensee concerned for a hearing, that such licensee has failed to inspect, sample, or classify, or to weigh any agricultural product or products correctly, or has violated any of the provisions of this Act or of the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder, so far as the same may relate to him,

or that he has used his license or allowed it to be used for any improper purpose whatever. Pending investigation, the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, whenever he deems necessary, may suspend a license temporarily without hearing. (7 U.S.C. 253.)

**Sec. 13.** That every warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act shall receive for storage therein, so far as its capacity permits, any agricultural product of the kind customarily stored therein by him which may be tendered to him in a suitable condition for warehousing, in the usual manner in the ordinary and usual course of business, without making any discrimination between persons desiring to avail themselves of warehouse facilities. (7 U.S.C. 254.)

**Sec. 14.** That any person who deposits agricultural products for storage in a warehouse licensed under this Act shall be deemed to have deposited the same subject to the terms of this Act and the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder. (7 U.S.C. 255.)

**Sec. 15.** That any fungible agricultural product stored for interstate or foreign commerce, or in any place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, in a warehouse licensed under this Act shall be inspected and graded by a person duly licensed to grade the same under this Act. (7 U.S.C. 256.)

**Sec. 16.** That every warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act shall keep the agricultural products therein of one depositor so far separate from agricultural products of other depositors, and from other agricultural products of the same depositor for which a separate receipt has been issued, as to permit at all times the identification and redelivery of the agricultural products deposited; but if authorized by agreement or by custom, a warehouseman may mingle fungible agricultural products with

other agricultural products of the same kind and grade, and shall be severally liable to each depositor for the care and redelivery of his share of such mass, to the same extent and under the same circumstances as if the agricultural products had been kept separate, but he shall at no time while they are in his custody mix fungible agricultural products of different grades. (7 U.S.C. 258.)

**Sec. 17.** (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), for all agricultural products stored for interstate or foreign commerce, or in any place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, in a warehouse licensed under this Act original receipts shall be issued by the warehouseman conducting the same, but no receipts shall be issued except for agricultural products actually stored in the warehouse at the time of the issuance thereof. (b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if a warehouseman because of a temporary shortage lacks sufficient space to store the agricultural products of all depositors in a licensed warehouse, the warehouseman may, in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, transfer stored agricultural products for which receipts have been issued out of such warehouse to another licensed warehouse for continued storage.

(2) The warehouseman of a licensed warehouse from which agricultural products have been transferred under paragraph (1) shall deliver to the rightful owner of such products, on request, at the licensed warehouse where first deposited, such products in the



amount, and of the kind, quality, and grade, called for by the receipts or other evidence of storage of such owner. (7 U.S.C. 259.)

Sec. 18. That every receipt issued for agricultural products stored in a warehouse licensed under this Act shall embody within its written or printed terms (a) the location of the warehouse in which the agricultural products are stored; (b) the date of issue of the receipt; (c) the consecutive number of the receipt; (d) a statement whether the agricultural products received will be delivered to the bearer, to a specified person, or to a specified person or his order; (e) the rate of storage charges; (f) a description of the agricultural products received, showing the quantity thereof, or, in case of agricultural products customarily put up in bales or packages, a description of such bales or packages by marks, numbers, or other means of identification and the weight of such bales or packages; (g) the grade or other class of the agricultural products received and the standard or description in accordance with which such classification has been made: *Provided*, That such grade or other class shall be stated according to the official standard of the United States applicable to such agricultural products as the same may be fixed and promulgated under authority of law: *Provided further*, That until such official standards of the United States for any agricultural product or products have been fixed and promulgated, the grade or other class thereof may be stated in accordance with any recognized standard or in accordance with such rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture; (h) a statement that the receipt is issued subject to the United States warehouse Act and the rules and regulations prescribed thereunder; (i) if the receipt

be issued for agricultural products of which the warehouseman is owner, either solely or jointly or in common with others, the fact of such ownership; (j) a statement of the amount of advances made and of liabilities incurred for, which the warehouseman claims a lien: *Provided*, That if the precise amount of such advances made or of such liabilities incurred be at the time of the issue of the receipt unknown to the warehouseman or his agent who issued it, a statement of the fact that advances have been made or liabilities incurred and the purpose thereof shall be sufficient; (k) such other terms and conditions within the limitations of this Act as may be required by the Secretary of Agriculture; and (l) the signature of the warehouseman, which may be made by his authorized agent: *Provided*, That unless otherwise required by the law of the State in which the warehouse is located, when requested by a depositor of other than fungible agricultural products, a receipt omitting compliance with subdivision (g) of this section may be issued; *Provided, however*, The Secretary of Agriculture may in his discretion require that such receipt have plainly and conspicuously embodied in its written or printed terms a provision that such receipt is not negotiable. (7 U.S.C. 260.)

Sec. 19. That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, from time to time, to establish and promulgate standards for agricultural products by which their quality or value may be judged or determined: *Provided*, That the standards for any agricultural products which have been, or which in future may be, established by or under authority of any other Act of Congress shall be, and are hereby, adopted for the purposes of this Act as the official standards of the United States for the agricultural products to which they relate. (7 U.S.C. 257.)

Sec. 20. That while an original receipt issued under this Act is out-



standing and uncanceled by the warehouseman issuing the same no other or further receipt shall be issued for the agricultural product covered thereby or for any part thereof, except that in the case of a lost or destroyed receipt a new receipt, upon the same terms and subject to the same conditions and bearing on its face the number and date of the receipt in lieu of which it is issued, may be issued upon compliance with the statutes of the United States applicable thereto in places under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States or upon compliance with the laws of any State applicable thereto in any place not under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States: *Provided*, That if there be in such case no statute of the United States or law of a State applicable thereto such new receipts may be issued upon the giving of satisfactory security in compliance with the rules and regulations made pursuant to this Act. (7 U.S.C. 261.)

**Sec. 21.** That a warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act, in the absence of some lawful excuse, shall, without unnecessary delay, deliver the agricultural products stored therein upon a demand made either by the holder of a receipt for such agricultural products or by the depositor thereof if such demand be accompanied with (a) an offer to satisfy the warehouseman's lien; (b) an offer to surrender the receipt, if negotiable, with such indorsements as would be necessary for the negotiation of the receipts; and (c) a readiness and willingness to sign, when the products are delivered, an acknowledgment that they have been delivered if such signature is requested by the warehouseman. (7 U.S.C. 262.)

**Sec. 22.** That a warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act shall plainly cancel upon the face thereof each receipt returned to him upon the delivery by him of the

agricultural products for which the receipt was issued. (7 U.S.C. 263.)

**Sec. 23.** That every warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act shall keep in a place of safety complete and correct records of all agricultural products stored therein and withdrawn therefrom, of all warehouse receipts issued by him, and of the receipts returned to and canceled by him, shall make reports to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning such warehouse and the condition, contents, operation, and business thereof in such form and at such times as he may require, and shall conduct said warehouse in all respects in compliance with this Act and the rules and regulations made hereunder. (7 U.S.C. 264.)

**Sec. 24.** That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cause examinations to be made of any agricultural product stored in any warehouse licensed under this Act. Whenever, after opportunity for hearing is given to the warehouseman conducting such warehouse, it is determined that he is not performing fully the duties imposed on him by this Act and the rules and regulations made hereunder, the Secretary may publish his findings. (7 U.S.C. 265.)

**Sec. 25.** That the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, may, after opportunity for hearing has been afforded to the licensee concerned, suspend or revoke any license to any warehouseman conducting a warehouse under this Act, for any violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this Act or of the rules and regulations made hereunder, or upon the ground that unreasonable or exorbitant charges have been made for services rendered. Pending investigation, the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, whenever he deems necessary, may suspend a license temporarily without hearing. (7 U.S.C. 246.)

Sec. 26. That the Secretary of Agriculture from time to time may publish the results of any investigations made under Section 3 of this Act; and he shall publish the names and locations of warehouses licensed and bonded and the names and addresses of persons licensed under this Act and lists of all licenses terminated under this Act and the causes therefor. (7 U.S.C. 266.)

Sec. 27. That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized through officials, employees, or agents of the Department of Agriculture designated by him to examine all books, records, papers, and accounts of warehouses licensed under this Act and of the warehousemen conducting such warehouses relating thereto. (7 U.S.C. 267.)

Sec. 28. That the Secretary of Agriculture shall from time to time make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the efficient execution of the provisions of this Act. (7 U.S.C. 268.)

Sec. 29. That in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture he is authorized to cooperate with State officials charged with the enforcement of State laws relating to warehouses, warehousemen, weighers, graders, inspectors, samplers, or classifiers; but the power, jurisdiction, and authority conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture under this Act shall be exclusive with respect to all persons securing a license hereunder so long as said license remains in effect. This Act shall not be construed so as to limit the operation of any statute of the United States relating to warehouses or to warehousemen, weighers, graders, inspectors, samplers, or classifiers now in force in the District of Columbia or in any Territory or other place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States. (7 U.S.C. 269.)

Sec. 30. That every person who shall forge, alter, counterfeit, simulate, or falsely represent, or shall without proper authority use, any li-

cense issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, or his designated representative, under this Act, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of Section 8 of this Act, or who shall issue or utter a false or fraudulent receipt or certificate, or change in any manner an original receipt or certificate subsequently to issuance by a licensee, or any person who, without lawful authority, shall convert to his own use, or use for purposes of securing a loan, or remove from a licensed warehouse contrary to this Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder, any agricultural products stored or to be stored in such warehouse, and for which licensed receipts have been or are to be issued, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or double the value of the products involved if such double value exceeds \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both, in the discretion of the court, and the owner of the agricultural products so converted, used, or removed may, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be reimbursed for the value thereof out of any fine collected hereunder, by check drawn on the Treasury at the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, for the value of such products to the extent that such owner has not otherwise been reimbursed. That any person who shall draw with intent to deceive, a false sample of, or who shall willfully mutilate or falsely represent a sample drawn under this Act, or who shall classify, grade, or weigh fraudulently, any agricultural products stored or to be stored under the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court. (7 U.S.C. 270.)

Sec. 31. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act other than those services for which fees are authorized pursuant to section 10. Such appropriated funds may be used by the Secretary to employ qualified persons not regularly in the service of the United States for temporary assistance in carrying out the provisions of this Act. (7 U.S.C. 271.)

Sec. 32. That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. (7 U.S.C. 272.)

Sec. 33. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved. (7 U.S.C. 273.)

















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